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OCCUPATION! what a glorious thing it is for the human heart. Those who work hard seldom yield themselves entirely up to fancied or real sorrow. When grief sits down, folds his hands, and mournfully feeds upon its own tears, weaving the dim shadows that a little exertion might sweep away into a funeral pall, the strong spirit is shorn of its might, and sorrow becomes our master. When troubles flow upon you, dark and heavy, toil not with the waves—wrestle not with the torrent!—rather seek by occupation, to divert the dark waters that threaten to overwhelm you into a thousand channels which the duties of life always present. Before you dream of it those waters will fertilize the present, and give birth to fresh flowers that they may brighten the future—flowers that will become pure and holy, in the sunshine which penetrate to the path of duty, in spite of every obstacle. Grief after all, is but a selfish feeling; and most selfish is the man who yields up that indulgence of any passion to his fellow man.

VERY CLEVER

ADOLPHUS GETS INSPIRED.—“The will build thee a cot all covered with ivy, in some secluded vale, close by a purling brook, meandering over its pebbly bottom, incessantly babbling dulcet tinkling strains “love, love,” where the atmosphere is redolent of soothing, spicy aromas that makes the eyes languish, and the heart dissolve in the liquid fires of love—where the balmy morning zephyrs sigh in the dense forest’s leafy maze, chanting love’s melody—where the tiny songsters that whirl in ethereal space warble naught but love. I will plant thee a garden of gorgeous loveliness, culled from nature’s most ardent design, warmest tints and sweetest smelling incense.”

“Dolphy, dear, don’t forget to have a patch for cowcumpers and inyuns, they’re so nice pickled.

DON’T LIKE IT.—A small boy heard a parson preach a sermon from these words, “the man who yieldeth up his indulgence of any passion to his fellow man,” which was frequently elected their